

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v. §  
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§ CASE NO.: 3:15-CR-00227-L  
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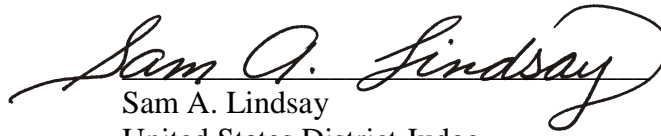
BENJAMIN EARNEST NICHOLS

**ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

After reviewing all relevant matters of record, including the Notice Regarding Entry of a Plea of Guilty, the Consent of the defendant, and the Report and Recommendation Concerning Plea of Guilty of the United States Magistrate Judge, and no objections thereto having been filed within fourteen days of service in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the undersigned District Judge is of the opinion that the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge concerning the Plea of Guilty is correct, and it is hereby accepted by the Court. Accordingly, the Court accepts the plea of guilty, and BENJAMIN EARNEST NICHOLS is hereby adjudged guilty of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(5)(A) and 18 U.S.C. § 1030(c)(4)(A)(i)(I) and (B), namely, Intentional Damage to a Protected Computer. Sentence will be imposed in accordance with the Court's scheduling order.

- ☐ The defendant is ordered to remain in custody.
- ☒ The Court accepts the findings of the United States Magistrate Judge by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community if released and should therefore be released under § 3142(b) or (c).
- ☐ Upon motion, this matter shall be set for hearing before the United States Magistrate Judge who set the conditions of release for determination, by clear and convincing evidence, of whether the defendant is likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community if released under § 3142(b) or (c).
- ☐ The defendant is not ordered detained pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) pending determination of whether it has been clearly shown that there are exceptional circumstances under § 3145(c) why the defendant should not be detained under § 3143(a)(2), and whether it has been shown by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community if released under § 3142(b) or (c). This matter shall be referred to the United States Magistrate Judge who set the conditions of release.

SIGNED this 22nd day of April, 2016.

  
Sam A. Lindsay  
United States District Judge